

Potential December 2026 Commencement Eligibility

The Graduate School receives many questions about participating in the December 2026 Commencement Ceremony, we are providing the following information to help clarify the details.

You are eligible to participate in the December 2026 Commencement ceremony if you meet the following criteria:

NON-THESIS MASTER'S STUDENTS:

- Approved Program of Study on File with the Graduate School by **October 14, 2026**
- Graduated August 2026 **OR** have an approved December 2026 'Nomination for Graduation' form on file with the Graduate School by **October 14, 2026**

THESIS MASTER'S STUDENTS:

- Approved Program of Study on File with the Graduate School by **October 14, 2026**
- Graduated August 2026 **OR** have an approved December 2026 'Nomination for Graduation' form on file with the Graduate School by **October 14, 2026**
- 'Request to Schedule an Oral Defense' form approved by the Graduate School by **November 20, 2026**
(NO EXCEPTIONS)

DOCTORAL STUDENTS:

- Successfully completed both Written and Oral Comprehensive Exams
- Approved Program of Study on File with the Graduate School by **October 14, 2026**
- Graduated August 2026 **OR** have an approved December 2026 'Nomination for Graduation' form on file with the Graduate School by **October 14, 2026**
- 'Request to Schedule an Oral Defense' form approved by the Graduate School by **November 20, 2026**
(NO EXCEPTIONS)

All degree requirements must be met for degree conferral. Attending December 2026 commencement based on the above requirements does not guarantee degree completion.

This [web site](#) will also provide details about the date and time of the ceremony as well as information on how to order your regalia.

Contact the Graduate Enrollment Team with questions at gradforms@etal.uri.edu or by phone at (401) 874-2262